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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 7 and 8, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-6 (Canceled):

Claim 7 (Currently amended): A method for curing a resol resin, which comprises curing, ~~the resol resin composition of claim 1~~ at a temperature of from 10 to 110°C, a resol resin composition consisting essentially of a resol phenol resin (A), an alkali earth metal oxide and/or an alkali earth metal hydroxide (B), and ammonium thiosulfate (C).

Claim 8 (Currently amended): A method for curing a resol resin according to claim 7, which ~~comprises curing the resol resin composition of claim 2~~ at a temperature of from 10 to 110°C wherein the alkali earth metal oxide and/or the alkali earth metal hydroxide (B) are an oxide and/or a hydroxide of magnesium, calcium or barium.

Claim 9 (Canceled).